



October 23, 2022

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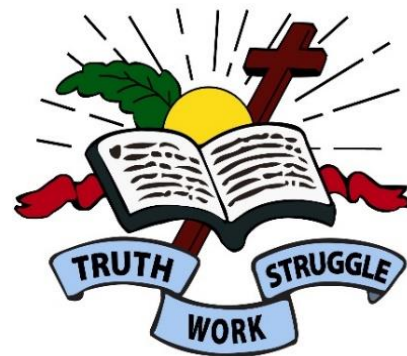
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Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

All of us come to church to pray. But *how* do we pray? If we thank God that we are *not* like other people, our prayer will not be heard. We must first acknowledge the sin that is ours, then turn to God for the salvation only the Lord can give.

About Today's Bible Readings

SIRACH 35:12-14, 16-18

Words of wisdom from the past provide good advice for us today: God hears the prayer of the humble.

Responsorial Psalm: 34:2-3, 17- 18, 19, 23

R. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18

Even in the midst of trials, the Lord's servant is confident of God's protection.

LUKE 18:9-14

Two figures provide a lesson on the proper way of praying. We must begin by acknowledging how good God is, not how good we are.

ENTRANCE RITE – Sirach 35:12-13

V. For He is a God of justice, Who knows no favorites.

R. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet He hears the cry of the oppressed.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ALLELUIA: 1 Peter 5:6

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 18:9-14

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity - greedy, dishonest, adulterous - or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY—October 23rd

30th Sunday Ordinary Time

Intentions for the repose of the souls of Rev. Francis N. Kaczmarczyk and Beatrice Kaczmarczyk offered by Francis D. Kaczmarczyk, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk and family.

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY—October 30th

31st Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY

November 2nd

Commemoration of All Souls Day

7:00 PM – Holy Mass

ALL SOULS DAY

The annual observance of All Soul's Day is fast approaching. We will celebrate it on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM. You will find sheets and envelopes on the table in the vestibule in front of the Little White Church if you should wish to remember dearly departed family members or friends. Please give the envelopes to Tom Schalata or to Fr. Sr. Donald and they will be read after Mass. A suggested donation of one dollar per name is requested and a battery powered tea lamp candle will be lit during the Mass and placed near the altar in remembrance.



INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman Sr., Joseph Grossman Jr., Kevin Grossman, Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk,,Terry Leatherman, Jackie Weinhold, Andy Kosak, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff, Cindy Golowski, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher and Father Senior Ed Ratajack. **Our Father....**

If there are any other individuals who should or shouldn't be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them or remove them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 26th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday, November 2nd; All Souls Day. Mass of Remembrance at 7:00PM. Please take a form from the table in the vestibule to submit your names to be honored.

Sunday, November 6th; The ANS will be holding a Pot Pie Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 Noon. Pot Pie, Cole Slaw and Rolls, all you can eat. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ten years of age and under. Quarts to go - \$10.00, includes 2 Rolls and Cole Slaw. Please see Cheryl Weinhold or Mary Cooper to purchase tickets. And please do so early so that we can plan on how much food to make. Thank you.

Wednesday, November 9th; The Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM in the Library.

Sunday, November 13th; The ANS will meet at 11:00 AM in the Library. All are welcome to attend. If you are not a member of the ANS, please consider joining.

Sunday, October 20th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Saturday, December 10th; Advent Penitential Service at 7:00 PM. I hope to see many of you there.

Sunday, December 11th; The YMS of R will be holding one of its famous Egg Sandwich Sales after each Mass.

Tuesday, December 13th; The YMS of R (Young Men's Society of the Resurrection) will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00PM. All men of the Parish are invited to attend and to join the YMS of R if they are not already members.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

ANGEL TREE FOR THE BERKS COUNTY OFFICE OF AGING

Our Parish will once again be participating in the Angel Tree Program for the elderly who might be alone this Christmas. The Tree will be up either this week or next. When you take a card, please write your name and phone number on the sheet by the tree and check that column when you return the card. The deadline for returning the card is **December 11th**. Thank you for your loving kindness and generosity towards those less blessed than ourselves.

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading Area School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will continue this year. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Hall near the windows and we will get them to those in need. Thank you for your support and God bless.